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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Official Action of April 9, 2008, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on July 9, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper:

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper: